

## Social Security Administration

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to reconsideration (see § 410.623). Where more than the correct amount of payment has been made, see § 410.561.

[37 FR 20652, Sept. 30, 1972]

### § 410.621 Effect of initial determination.

The initial determination shall be final and binding upon the party or parties to such determination unless it is reconsidered in accordance with §§ 410.623 through 410.629, or it is revised in accordance with § 410.671.

### § 410.622 Reconsideration and hearing.

Any party who is dissatisfied with an initial determination may request that the Administration reconsider such determination, as provided in § 410.623. If a request for reconsideration is filed, such action shall not constitute a waiver of the right to a hearing subsequent to such reconsideration if the party requesting such reconsideration is dissatisfied with the determination of the Administration made on such reconsideration; and a request for a hearing may thereafter be filed, as is provided in § 410.630.

### § 410.623 Reconsideration; right to reconsideration.

(a) We shall reconsider an initial determination if a written request for reconsideration is filed, as provided in § 410.624, by or for the party to the initial determination (see § 410.610). We shall also reconsider an initial determination if a written request for reconsideration is filed, as provided in § 410.624, by an individual as a widow, child, parent, brother, sister, or representative of a decedent's estate, who makes a showing in writing that his or her rights with respect to benefits may be prejudiced by such determination.

(b) Reconsideration is the first step in the administrative review process that we provide for an individual dissatisfied with the initial determination, except that we provide the opportunity for a hearing before an administrative law judge as the first step for those situations described in §§ 410.630 (b) and (c), where an individual appeals an initial determination denying waiv-

er of adjustment or recovery of an overpayment (see § 410.561a).

[61 FR 56133, Oct. 31, 1996]

### § 410.624 Time and place of filing request.

The request for reconsideration shall be made in writing and filed at an office of the Social Security Administration within 60 days after the date of receipt of notice of the initial determination, unless such time is extended as specified in § 410.668. For purposes of this section, the date of receipt of notice of the initial determination shall be presumed to be 5 days after the date of such notice, unless there is a reasonable showing to the contrary.

[41 FR 47918, Nov. 1, 1976]

### § 410.625 Parties to the reconsideration.

The parties to the reconsideration shall be the person who was the party to the initial determination (see § 410.610) and any other person referred to in § 410.623 upon whose request the initial determination is reconsidered.

### § 410.626 Notice of reconsideration.

If the request for reconsideration is filed by a person other than the party to the initial determination, the Administration shall, before such reconsideration, mail a written notice to such party at his last known address, informing him that the initial determination is being reconsidered. In addition, the Administration shall give such party a reasonable opportunity to present such evidence and contentions as to fact or law as he may desire relative to the determination.

### § 410.627 Reconsidered determination.

When a request for reconsideration has been filed, as provided in §§ 410.623 and 410.624, the Administration or the State agency, as appropriate (see § 410.601), shall reconsider the determination with respect to disability or the initial determination in question and the findings upon which it was based; and upon the basis of the evidence considered in connection with the initial determination and whatever

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other evidence is submitted by the parties or is otherwise obtained, the Administration shall make a reconsidered determination affirming or revising, in whole or in part, the findings and termination in question.

### § 410.628 Notice of reconsidered determination.

Written notice of the reconsidered determination shall be mailed by the Social Security Administration to the parties at their last known addresses. The reconsidered determination shall state the specific reasons therefor and inform the parties of their right to a hearing (see § 410.630), or, if appropriate, inform the parties of the requirements for use of the expedited appeals process (see § 410.629a).

[40 FR 53387, Nov. 18, 1975]

### § 410.629 Effect of a reconsidered determination.

The reconsidered determination shall be final and binding upon all parties to the reconsideration unless a hearing is requested in accordance with § 410.631 and a decision rendered or unless such determination is revised in accordance with § 410.671, or unless the expedited appeals process is used in accordance with § 410.629a.

[40 FR 53388, Nov. 18, 1975]

### § 410.629a Expedited appeals process; conditions for use of such process.

In cases in which a reconsideration determination has been made or a higher level of appeal has been reached, an expedited appeals process may be used in lieu of the hearing and Appeals Council review, if the following conditions are met:

(a) A reconsideration determination has been made by the Commissioner; and

(b) The individual is a party referred to in § 410.629c; and

(c) The individual has filed a written request for the expedited appeals process; and

(d) The individual has alleged, and the Commissioner agrees, that the only factor precluding a favorable determination with respect to a matter referred to in § 410.610, is a statutory pro-

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vision which the individual alleges to be unconstitutional; and

(e) Where more than one individual is a party referred to in § 410.629c, each and every party concurs in the request for the expedited appeals process.

[40 FR 53388, Nov. 18, 1975, as amended at 62 FR 38453, July 18, 1997]

### § 410.629b Expedited appeals process; place and time of filing request.

(a) *Place of filing request.* The request for the expedited appeals process must be made in writing and filed:

(1) At an office of the Social Security Administration; or

(2) With a presiding officer.

(b) *Time of filing request.* The request for the expedited appeals process must be filed at one of the following times:

(1) No later than 60 days after the date of receipt of notice of the reconsidered determination, unless the time is extended in accordance with the standards set out in § 410.669 of this chapter. For purposes of this paragraph, the date of receipt of notice of the reconsidered determination shall be presumed to be 5 days after the date of such notice, unless there is a reasonable showing to the contrary; or

(2) If a request for hearing has been timely filed (see § 410.631), at any time prior to the individual's receipt of notice of the presiding officer's decision; or

(3) Within 60 days after the date of receipt of notice of the presiding officer's decision or dismissal, unless the time is extended in accordance with the standards set out in § 410.669 of this chapter. For purposes of this paragraph (b)(3), the date of receipt of notice of the presiding officer's decision or dismissal shall be presumed to be 5 days after the date of such notice, unless there is a reasonable showing to the contrary; or

(4) If a request for review by the Appeals Council has been timely filed (see § 410.661), at any time prior to receipt by such individual of notice of the Appeals Council's final action.

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